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Title of Invention SLOT ASSIGNMENT ALGORITHM			JAN 28 2004

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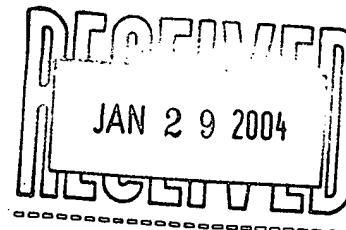
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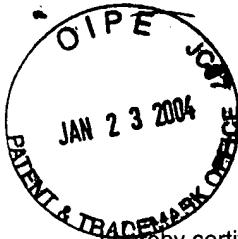
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

the Examiner and made of record. A copy of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. Patent No.	Issue Date	Patentee
5,914,950	06/1999	Tiedemann, Jr. et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
EP 0 986 282 A1	03/2000	EPO
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3), an English language version of European Patent Applications No. EP 0 986 282 A1 and EP 0 975 190 A2 are provided for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of those reference to the Examiner and the USPTO with opportunity to evaluate the same. These references were cited in a European Office Action during examination of a patent application related to the present application under review.

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are

believed to be due in connection with filing of this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed document be made of record in the present case.

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